

D-622  
Baker House  
East New Market  
private

c. 1870-1880

The Baker house, built around 1870-1880, was originally erected on the Railroad Avenue, but during the early years of the twentieth century the two-and-a-half story frame dwelling was moved to this North Main Street site. The cross-gabled, center hall dwelling is a common house type for the post Civil War era, but the elaborate sawn front porch with exuberant corner brackets is unusual to East New Market.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. D-622

Magi No. 1006222504

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JAMES MURPHY HOUSE

and/or common BAKER HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number North Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town East New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kirk Hurley

street &amp; number North Main Street telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code Md 21631

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state Md 21613

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Sites Inventory

date 1984 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Md 21401

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	c. 1910
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Baker house is a two-and-a-half story weatherboard frame dwelling that stands on the east side of North Main Street in East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The center hall house faces west with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870-1880 on Railroad Avenue, the frame house was relocated on North Main Street in 1910. Supported by a common bond brick foundation, the structure is sheathed with plain weatherboards that are being exposed with the removal of later asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof, now covered with asphalt shingles, will be resheathed shortly with wood shingles.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The mid nineteenth-century four-panel door is framed by three-pane sidelights and a four-pane transom. Louvered shutters flank the adjacent windows. Stretching across the entire front of the first floor is a hip roof porch distinguished by elaborate sawn support posts with exuberant sawn corner brackets and fascia trim. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows and the center cross-gable is pierced by a round arched two-over-two light. Embellishing the perimeter of the roof are decorative brackets.

The gable ends of the main block are similar with six-over-six sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and pairs of two-over-two sash windows illuminate the attic. A narrow brick stove stack rises through the roof of each gable end.

Extending eastward from the main block is a shorter two-story two-room service wing that forms an ell. Piercing the center section of the service wing roof is another brick stove stack, and extending from the east gable end is a shed roofed frame pantry. The first floor of the wing is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, while the second floor is illuminated by smaller three-over-three sash windows.

The interior of this nineteenth-century house has been remodeled somewhat, but several significant features survive unaltered. The Victorian center stair remains intact as well as the four-panel doors which open into the first and second floor rooms. Located in the north room of the first floor is a stencil-decorated slate mantel. The other mantels in the house follow plainer mid nineteenth-century designs with simple pilasters and plain friezes.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

~~1870-1880~~

The Baker house follows a standard two-and-a-half story, single-pile form with a center hall, flanking rooms, and a two-room plan service wing. In addition to contributing to the nineteenth-century character of North Main Street, the Baker house is especially noteworthy for its elaborate sawn front porch. Originally erected around 1870-1880 on Railroad Avenue, the Baker house was relocated on this site around 1910.



PATRIOT HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: D-666 D-622

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE:

RESIDENTIAL

ORIGINAL USE:

RESIDENTIAL

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

JAMES MURPHY

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( )

Good (X)

Fair ( )

Poor: ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

CARPENTER GOTHIC

DATE BUILT:

C. 1875 Moved C. 1910

COUNTY: Dorchester

TOWN: East New Market

LOCATION: Main Street

East New Market 21631

COMMON NAME: W. S. Murphy House  
(The Baker House)

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mason

ADDRESS: East New Market, Md. 21631

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X)

No ( )

Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X)

State ( )

National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon (X)

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )

C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) ASBESTOS (X)

Bonding Pattern:

Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )

Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 3 x 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: 2ND BAY

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )

Development ( ) Deterioration ( )

Alteration (X) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ( )

Mixed ( ) Other:

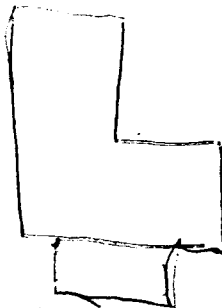
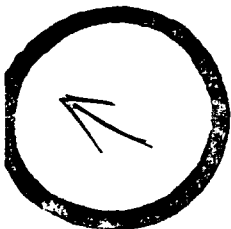
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
Residential( ) Commercial( )  
Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

East New Market Historic District Commission

ORGANIZATION:

Summer, 1985

DATE RECORDED:

PROPERTY OF MR. AND MRS. KENNETH MASON (THE BAKER HOUSE)

2½ story, L-shaped, frame structure with asbestos siding; gabled asphalt tile roof. Front facade has 3 bays--entrance in 2nd bay. Brick foundation. Top front facade is Carpenter Gothic style. 4 pane overlight and 3 pane sidelight. (Stained glass around door installed by present owner). 4 panel door--the top 2 arched. Door is original. Has original twist doorball. Windows are floor to ceiling; 6 over 6 double hung with original shutters. Off the main block there is a veranda with hip roof. Decorative pierced wooden posts supporting scroll brackets. Barge board underneath cornice extends across front of veranda and around both sides. Two inside yellow brick chimneys with corbels. Boxed ~~in~~ cornices with returns both sides.

Left side has stationary arched wooden window with 6 panes in center of gable. Attached to frieze are scroll brackets underneath boxed cornice. 4 bays wide. Windows 6 over 6.

Right side 2 bays wide in the L or rear block; 2 story. An extension in the L with shed roof. Second story has 3 over 3 windows and an inside brick chimney on the ridge. In addition small square windows 2 over 2. There is a variety of window styles.

Back extension is 1 bay.

WORKSHOP OR CARRIAGE HOUSE

Gabled asphalt tile roof. Frame structure with 2 swinging doors. Vertical boards. Outside concrete block chimney.

Note: From BETWEEN THE NANTICOKE AND THE CHOPTANK

This imposing frame house was originally built in the 1860's on Railroad Avenue. Fifty years later in 1910, John Baker purchased the house and decided to move it to the east side of North Main Street, closer to the center of town. Much of the original house was covered at that time by an extensive remodeling, and it has retained its basically turn-of-the-century appearance. The gingerbread on the porch is unusual for the town.

RESEARCH

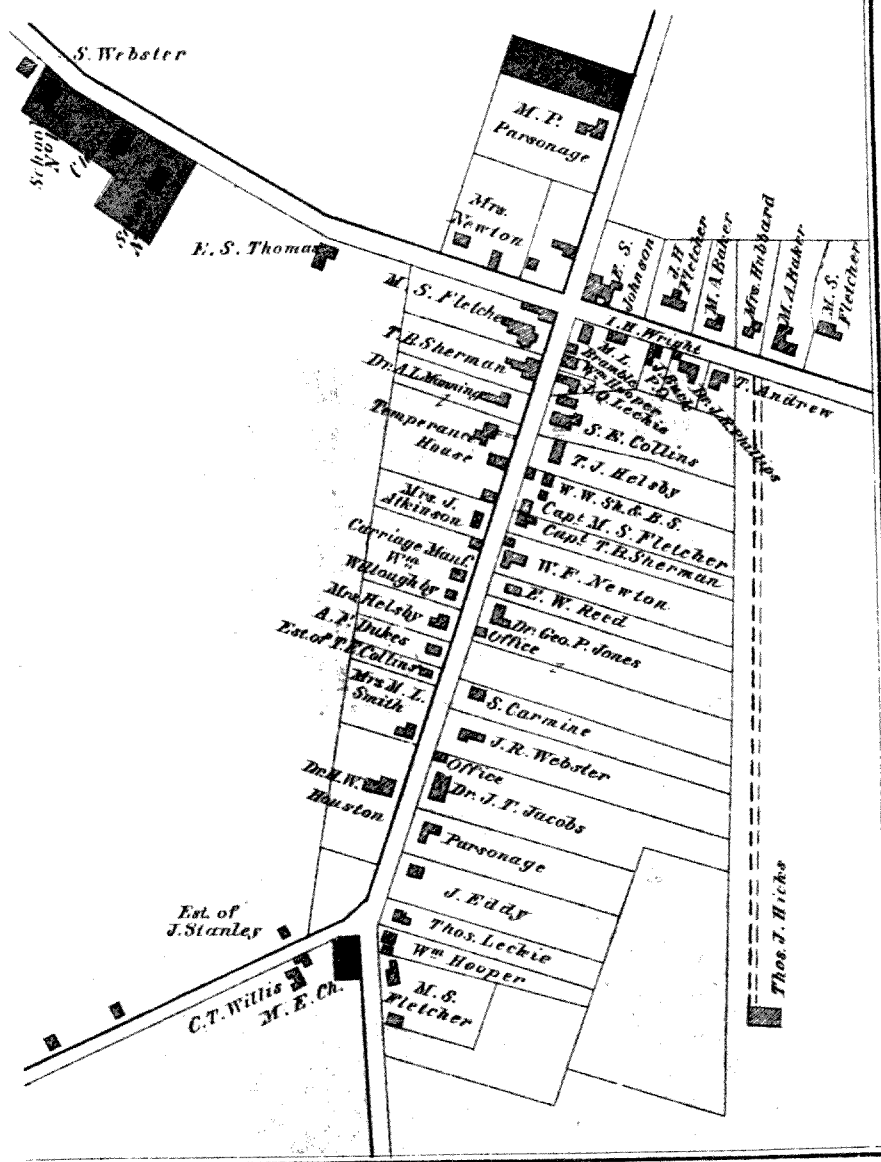
*Built by James M. in 1875. It was moved to present location in 1910.*



# EAST NEW MARKET

DORCHESTER CO.

(East New Market Dist.)



## EAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS REFERENCES.

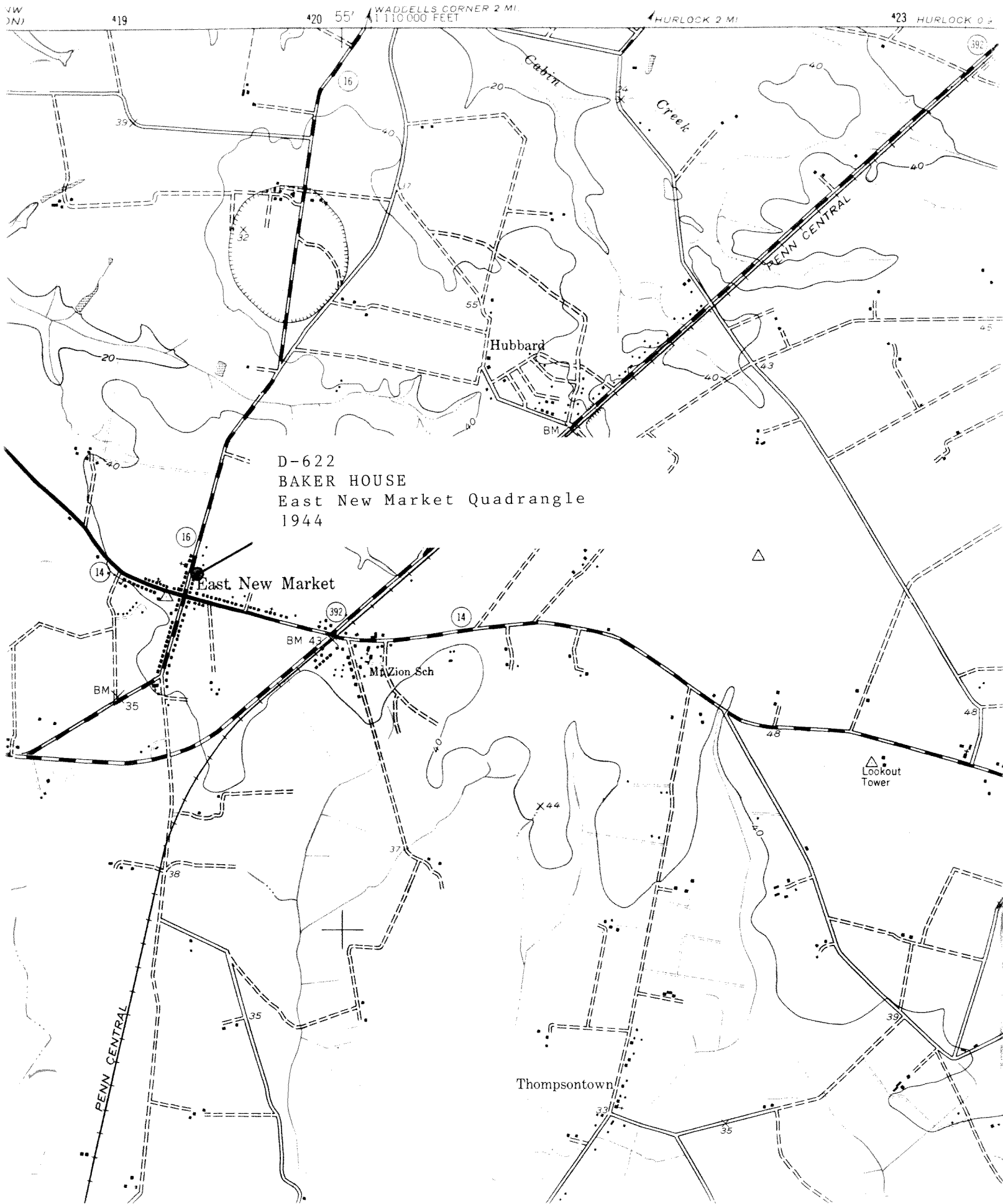
- J. W. ANDREWS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, Tinware, Ready Made Clothing, Harness, Notions, and all other articles usually kept in a country store. Residence and Store, Cabin Creek, Md.
- K. B. FLETCHER**, Proprietor of the "Upper Cabin Creek" Flouring Mill. Merchant and Custom work done. Wheat and Corn bought at all times. Cabin Creek.
- B. F. SHERMAN**, Proprietor of "Lower Cabin Creek Mills," Merchant and Custom work done. Highest cash prices for Wheat and Corn. Also constable of East New Market District. P. O. East New Market.
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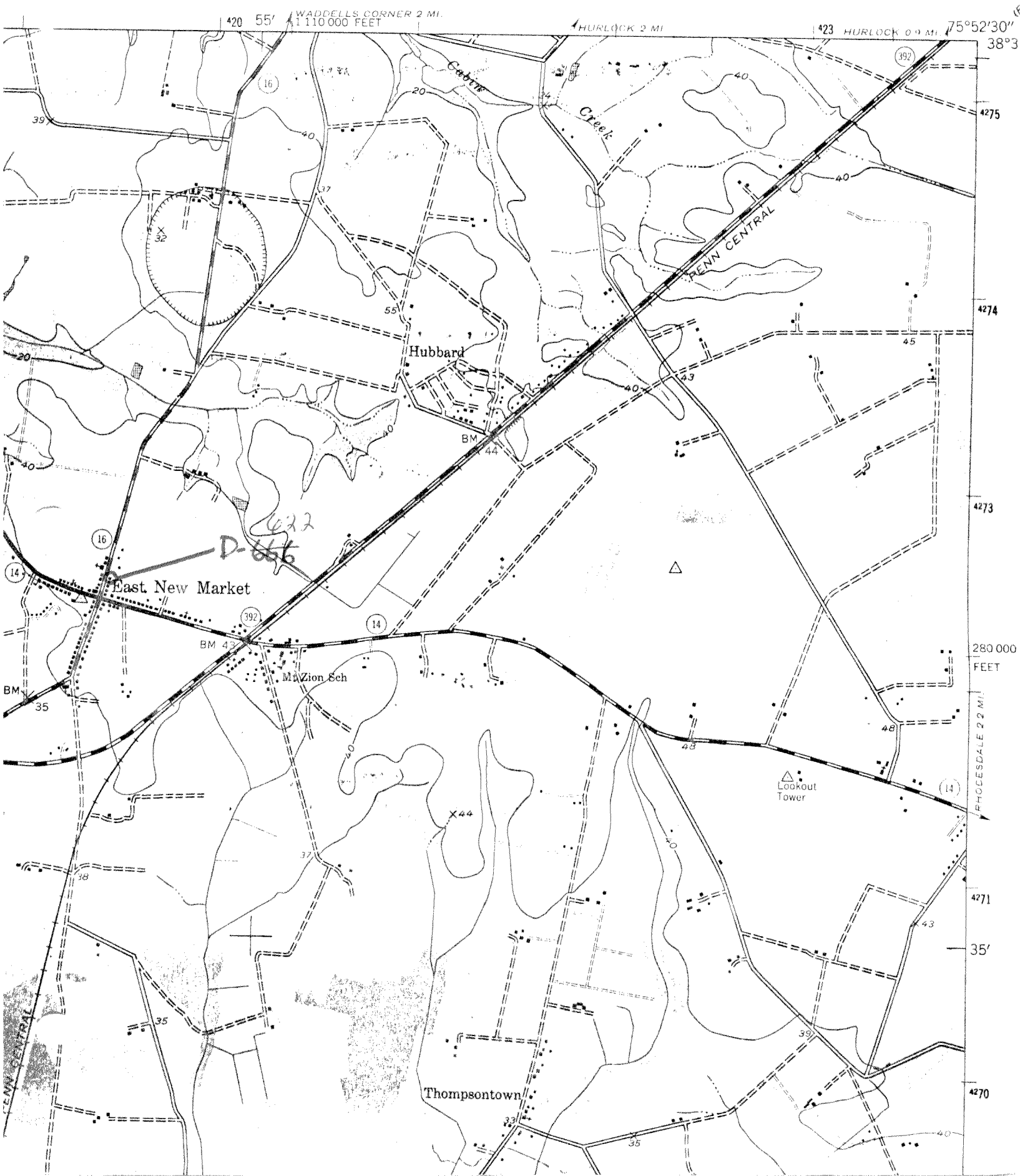
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BAKER HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southwest elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

Negative/ MD Historical Trust